

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fastener for composite material comprising:

a shaft having a longitudinal axis,

a head at a first end of the shaft, the head having an undercut edge which is inverted in a circular arc towards the head, the undercut edge being furthest from a top surface of the head at an outside portion of the head furthermost from the longitudinal axis, the undercut edge being closer to the top surface between the outside portion and the longitudinal axis,

a point at the other end of the shaft,

a first portion of the shaft adjacent the point being threaded, and extending over a portion of the total length of the shaft, the threads and first portion of the shaft having three radial lobes, and

a second portion of the shaft adjacent the head not being threaded, said second portion having a plurality of spaced rings, the spaced rings reducing mushrooming of the composite material when the fastener is used in the composite material.

2. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 comprising a knurled portion

between said first and second portions.

3. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said first portion has asymmetrical threads.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 comprising three said rings, wherein said rings are unequally spaced with respect to each other.

6. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said shaft has a total length TL from an inside surface of said head to said point, the fastener comprising three of said rings, a first of said rings being located about .23 TL from said inside surface, a second of said rings being located about .16 TL from said inside surface, and a third of said rings being located about .07 TL from said inside surface.

7. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 comprising three said rings, wherein said rings are equally spaced with respect to each other.

8. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said shaft has a total length TL from an inside surface of said head to said point, the fastener comprising three of

said rings, a first of said rings being located about .13 TL from said inside surface, a second of said rings being located about .08 TL from said inside surface, and a third of said rings being located about .04 TL from said inside surface.

9. (Previously Presented) The fastener of claim 1 comprising a shank slot adjacent said point.